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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title):

INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION

PROCESSING METHOD AND INFORMATION PROCESSING PROGRAM

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17 pages of Specification / Claims 1 - 3 / Abstract are attached.

Drawings (Figs. 1-7; 7 sheets) are attached.

Priority of Japanese Application No. 2002-360352; filed December 12, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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| BASIC FEE | | | | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 3 - 20 | = 0 | | |
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